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GLOSSARY OF TERMS

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1. Civilian Labor Force - the number of persons 16 years and older, defined as employed or unemployed, excluding members of the Armed Forces.

2. Employed - those persons who work for pay or profit during a week or, as unpaid family workers, work 15 hours or more during a week. Also included as employed are those who, although not working, had some job attachment and were not looking for work, including persons temporarily absent from a job due to illness, bad weather, vacation, or labor-management dispute, whether or not they were in a pay status during their time off.

3. Unemployment - the number of persons who, for an entire week, did not work at all, were able to work and available for work, and (1) were looking for work or (2) would have looked for work except that (a) they were waiting to return to a job from which they had been laid off, or (b) they were waiting to report to a new wage and salary job scheduled to start within the following 30 days (and were not in school during the week).

4. Unemployment Rate - the number of unemployed expressed as a percent of the civilian labor force.

5. Residence Data - a count of employment by where people live.

6. Establishment Data - a count of employment by where people work.

7. Seasonally Adjusted Labor Force Series - to facilitate the evaluation of the labor force, recurrent yearly movements have been isolated and removed by the Bureau of Labor Statistics seasonal factor method.

8. Composite Index - an aggregate of six leading indicators. The indicators used are: Manufacturing - Employment, Average Weekly Hours, total Accessions and Layoffs; Average Weekly Initial Claims; and statewide Building Permits. A reverse trend was used for Layoffs and Average Weekly Initial Claims. This composite index is in no manner or form comparable to the United States composite index as published in "Business Conditions Digest", U. S. Department of Commerce.

9. Real Spendable Average Weekly Earnings of Private Nonagricultural Production Workers - represents the earnings of a hypothetical individual after deductions for State Income, Federal Income and Social Security taxes, and adjustment for change in purchasing power since 1967. This individual is assumed to be sole support for a family of four, earn the average weekly gross earnings of production workers in Montana's private nonagricultural industries, and take standard deductions on State and Federal income taxes. Taxes were computed using standard tax tables, and purchasing power was adjusted by deflating Spendable Earnings based on the national Consumer Price Index.

10. WIN - Work Incentive Program for Aid to Dependent Children recipients.

11. CETA - Comprehensive Employment and Training Act of 1974.

12. CETA-CEP - Concentrated Employment Program funded under the Comprehensive Employment and Training Act.

13. SMSA - Standard Metropolitan Statistical Area as determined by Office of Management and Budget. Must have a central city with population of 50,000 or more.

14. LMA - Labor Market Area as determined by the Montana Employment Security Division consists of a central city or cities with population of less than 50,000, and the economically integrated geographical area surrounding it.

NOTE

Beginning with the January 1974 issue, the title of this publication was changed to "Montana Employment and Labor Force" to reflect a change in the concept of measuring employment requested by the U. S. Department of Labor of all State Employment Security Agencies. The change was made to ensure comparability between states, and to make employment data published by this agency for Montana comparable to national labor force concepts. Civilian Labor Force series now reflect a count of employed and unemployed persons by place of residence (known as residence data) rather than by place of work (known as establishment data). The years 1970, 1971, 1972, and 1973 were revised to the residence concept and as a result data after January 1970 are not strictly comparable to data published earlier.

Conceptually, the difference between the old "Work Force" and the new "Labor Force" series is that the new series eliminates duplicate counting of multiple job holders, and persons who work in Montana but reside in another state. However, people who live in Montana but work elsewhere are included in the new "Labor Force" estimates.

Residence and establishment data supplement one another and the Montana Employment Security Division will continue to publish establishment data for nonagricultural industries on employment, hours and earnings, labor turnover and job vacancy for those users who need this type of information.

- EMPLOYMENT -

- UNEMPLOYMENT -

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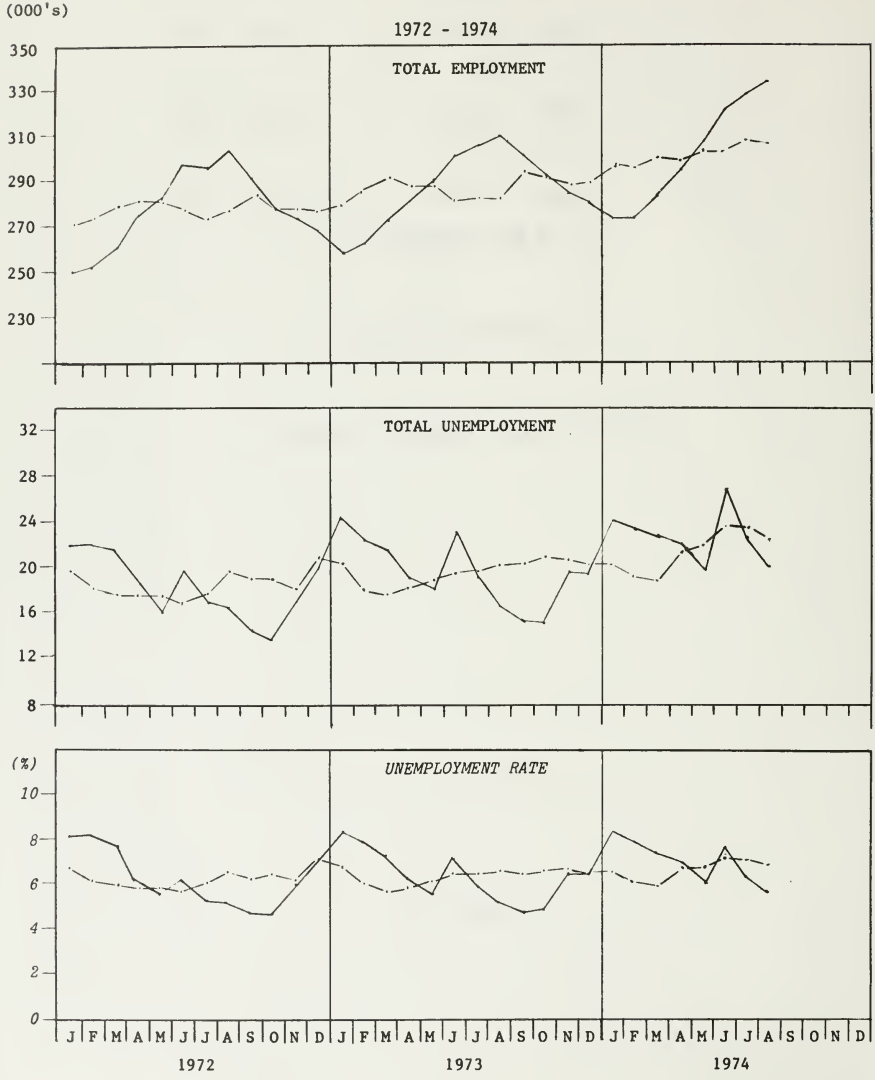
MONTANA EMPLOYMENT, UNEMPLOYMENT, AND UNEMPLOYMENT RATE

(SEASONALLY ADJUSTED: .-.-)



HIGHLIGHTS OF THE MONTANA LABOR MARKET

AUGUST 1974

STATE OF MONTANA

Montana's civilian labor force for July totaled 351,900 an increase of 2,300 from June and an increase of 21,000 from July 1973. Total employment this month was 329,700 compared with 323,000 last month, and 311,600 from the same period one year ago. The unemployment rate for July was 6.3%, down from the 7.6% of last month, but higher than the 5.8% recorded for the same period one year ago.

Total nonagricultural employment (establishment data) in the state for July was 249,400, an increase of 4,200 from last month and an increase of 16,000 from July of 1973. Manufacturing employment jumped 800 from last month and 800 from one year ago. Manufacturing industries except for the Primary Metals, and Printing and Publishing showed increases over both last month and for the same period one year ago.

Nonmanufacturing employment for July (establishment data) was 249.4 thousand, an increase of 3.4 thousand from last month and an increase of 15.2 thousand from one year ago. All nonmanufacturing industries showed gains from both last month and from last year with the exception of government which was up 1,300 from one year ago but down 4.4 thousand from last month. Increases were as follows: mining up 100 from last month and up 700 from July of last year; contract construction up 5,400 from last month and up 3,400 from one year ago; Transportation and public utilities up 200 from last month and up 400 from one year ago; wholesale and retail trade up 900 from last month and up 4,500 from one year ago; finance, insurance and real estate up 100 from last month and up 400 from one year ago; services up 1,100 from last month and up 4,400 from one year ago.

Employment for nonagricultural self-employed and unpaid family workers, and domestic workers in private households was 33,900 compared with 32,800 for June and 32,000 for July 1973.

Agricultural employment in Montana at 33.9 thousand increased 3,600 from last month and 600 from one year ago. Wheat in Montana is estimated at 127.5 million bushels, up 32% from last year but down 5% from last month's estimate. Forecast for all wheat yield is at 26.4 bushels per harvested acre compared with 23.9 bushels last year. Winter wheat production is up 44% from the same period one year ago to 79.5 million bushels. Hard spring wheat production is 14% above last year and duram wheat production is 33% above a year ago. Barley production is down 30% from last year; however, acreage is down 32%.

Pasture and range condition for the state has been better than last year, and range feed supplies have been adequate except for the drought areas of northcentral and most low elevation ranges in the southwest.

June bank debits for Montana were up 30% from the same month one year ago and were also up 30% for the first six months of this year. Both the state's Standard Metropolitan Statistical Areas also showed increases over one year ago as Billings recorded a 15% increase and Great Falls recorded a 43% increase. Other communities showing good gains over one year ago were Helena up 81%; Missoula up 31%; and Anaconda up 32%.

ANACONDA A new housing complex was started during the past month in Anaconda valued at $1.5 million. Both major construction projects at the smelter are proceeding at full speed and the new discount food store is close to completion. The smelter's new $22 million Arbiter plant is expected to begin production by the end of September with about 100 employees on the job at the installation. It was announced that production at the phosphate mines at Brock Creek and Warm Springs Creek is to be increased and 1974's production will exceed last year's output. Employment at these mines is about 225 persons. The main agricultural activities in the area have been haying and irrigation.

BILLINGS Contract construction throughout the area is at its seasonal high as all major projects are at full swing. A state utility company announced it will spend $20 million for new construction and equipment in Billings. Bank debits in the Billings area were up 15% in June over the same month one year ago and are up 32% for the first six months of the year as compared with last year. By mid-August the grain harvest is almost complete and the main activities are haying and irrigation. Farmers are also preparing for the corn harvest.

BOZEMAN All major construction projects are in full swing and on schedule. Projects of interest include a classroom-administration building at the University which is nearing completion; a new married-student housing complex is up and finish work is continuing; footings were poured for a new 7-stall car wash, and a permit was issued for a new billiards establishment and lounge. Wholesale, retail and service trades all remain stable for this time of year. In agriculture, activities include haying, irrigation, and harvesting.

BUTTE Most of the construction in the area is continuing on schedule with no new major starts. The retail trade strike ended the last week in July and all stores have resumed normal operations. Some delay in rail transportation and freight has resulted in the area due to flood damage to railroad tracks. The smelter is running at a steady pace. In agriculture, haying has been the main activity.

CUT BANK The total bank debits for Cut Bank during the first five months of 1974 are up 16% over the same period one year ago. Housing projects on the Blackfeet Reservation are progressing well and in Cut Bank the new farm equipment utility building and new hospital are proceeding normally. The high school gymnasium has been completed and several small building jobs are continuing. Small grain harvest is predicted far below average due to the lack of moisture, mainly in June. It should start about mid-August. Oilfield activity has remained steady.

DILLON Work continues on construction of a restaurant and motel, and twelve new homes. In agriculture, the main activities are haying, irrigating, pipe moving and fencing. All other industries are steady.

GLASGOW Local wholesale and retail establishments are noting excellent business in the area due to tourist trade and the Northeast Montana Fair. The local housing development in Glasgow has a completion date set

for mid-September, and the highway construction project between Opheim and Peerless is about 75% complete. Heavy construction continues at Fort Peck with earth moving near the power house. By the first week in August the winter wheat harvest was about complete, with reported yields of 35 to 45 bushels per acre.

GLENDIVE Construction is continuing on a new apartment complex that is to be completed sometime this fall. Oil field activity has been quiet in the area with no new drilling. Retail trade is stable with back-to-school buying. Winter wheat harvest is completed, yielding 30 to 35 bushels per acre.

GREAT FALLS The city approved a $7.3 million contract to build the new water-waste treatment facility. Bids also were awarded for two small bridges in the local area for a combined total of over $200,000. During the month manufacturing and the wholesale and retail trade industries remained steady. By August 7, grain harvest in the Great Falls trade area was complete with some demand for harvest hands to finish the barley harvest.

HAMILTON Most employment levels are stable; however, a lumber company in Darby advised they will lay off a shift of about 20 persons for an indefinite period due to a depressed lumber market. The sour cherry harvest started, and continued to yield above expectations. Construction activity in the area remains good with all major projects on schedule, and numerous new housing starts and remodeling projects in progress. Hay harvest activities were slowed considerably throughout the past several weeks due to frequent rain showers.

HAVRE Wholesale - retail trade, and service industries have shown a fair amount of activity for this time of year. Most all construction work is on schedule including a new shopping complex. Also, the new senior citizens' manor will be ready to open in mid-August. Harvest is in full swing and exploration drilling has shown only a limited amount of activity.

HELENA Helena's bank debits for June 1974 showed an increase of 81% from the same period one year ago. Agriculture was at its peak during the month with the main activities being haying and irrigating. All other industries were steady.

KALISPELL Commercial construction was given a boost this month with the announcement of the construction start on a new $4 million, 91-bed hospital. Agriculture continues to be a good job producer with about 1,100 seasonally employed in the cherry harvest, haying, and tree shearing. Logging employment increased this month and a Columbia Falls mill hired an 8-man shift in spite of declining demand and prices. All other industry activity remained stable.

LEWISTOWN Construction was at full swing as a new office building and numerous remodeling jobs have created the bulk of the activity. There was a call for 15 sawmill workers to start a second shift at one of the larger mills. By August 14, winter wheat harvest was 90% complete, spring wheat 30% complete, and barley and oats were 25% complete. Bank debits for June were 12% higher than for June of 1973 and were up 20% for the first half of the year.

LIBBY There were over 500 employed at the Libby Dam project during the month as its work continued. Area logging is now almost at 100% full strength as two local mills have increased their operations. All other industries are steady.

LIVINGSTON Hiring during the past month continued to be quite strong in all industries with the exception of agriculture. The new 100-unit motor inn now under construction is expected to be open soon and will employ 84 people. Two other construction projects that are continuing on schedule are the Yellowstone River bridge near Gardiner, and the water pipe line in Livingston. The main agricultural activities are haying and irrigating.

MILES CITY Construction activity remains high in the area as all projects continue on schedule. In other industries the supply of workers is meeting the steady demands. Agricultural activity during the month has been summer fallowing, haying, and winter wheat harvest.

MISSOULA Missoula's bank debits for June increased 31% over the same period in 1973. Missoula continues to be faced with a tight labor market with no significant increase in hiring within any of the major industrial fields. Two companies in the woods division had slight cutbacks during the month due to a slowdown in the market. In agriculture, haying is progressing well.

POLSON The cherry harvest was completed this month with reports showing a good year. Construction work remains slow for this time of year with the courthouse annex and several new houses being the only activities. Sawmill work is steady and logging in the area is limited. In agriculture, the second cutting of hay is just beginning.

SIDNEY Area construction continues at a rapid pace as work began on a new radar site east of Sidney that after completion will bring about seven permanent families to town. Wholesale, retail and the service trades are good and the county fair gave a boost to the economy. Harvesting of winter wheat was 99% complete by August 14, and dryland spring wheat harvest had begun.

THOMPSON FALLS Employment levels in all major industrial groups remained high and stable, with a slight rise noted in logging.

WOLF POINT Construction employment is down slightly as a tribal project has been completed and concrete work on a new elevator was finished. In retail trade there is a steady demand. By mid-August winter wheat harvest is well underway, and spring wheat will begin shortly.

ANTICIPATED DEVELOPMENTS IN MONTANA'S LABOR FORCE

Montana's employment will decrease during the next several months as a result of a slowdown in construction work, agriculture, and the tourist trade industries. With students returning to school the state's labor force will show a decrease. State and local government should record a rise in employment mainly due to the school personnel starting fall term.

MANPOWER PROGRAM ACTIVITIES
JULY 1974

Program	New Enrollees	Job Placements	End of Month Enrollment
WIN	100	106	774
CETA-CEP	94	29	254
MDTA (Inst.)	13	16	134
JOBS	1	1	51
JOP	12	12	133
Job Corps	27	26	233

CONSUMER PRICE INDEX - U. S.[1/]
(1967 = 100)

Group	JULY 1974	*Percent Change From:* JUNE 1974	JULY 1973
All Items	148.3	*0.8%*	*11.8%*

CHARACTERISTICS OF THE UNEMPLOYED[2/]
JULY 1974

Social Characteristics	*Percent of Total Covered Unemployment*
Non-White	*4.7%*
Female	*44.3%*
Youth	*13.7%*
Over 45	*26.4%*

1/ *The Consumer Price Index measures changes in prices of goods and services bought by urban wage earners and clerical workers, including families and single persons.*

2/ *Based on 20% sample of Continued Claims filed during the week including the 19th of each month in all local offices.*

Table I

RESIDENCE DATA

MONTANA CIVILIAN LABOR FORCE

NOT SEASONALLY ADJUSTED

in Thousands

Date	Civilian Labor Force	EMPLOYMENT			UNEMPLOYMENT			Labor Management Dispute 1/
		Total	Non-Ag	Agri.	Total	*Percent #* Montana	U.S.	
1972								
January	273.2	251.0	228.5	22.5	22.2	*8.1*	*6.4*	*
February	275.8	253.4	229.2	24.2	22.4	*8.1*	*6.4*	*
March	284.4	262.5	233.4	29.1	21.9	*7.7*	*6.1*	.1
April	295.7	277.0	240.7	36.3	18.7	*6.3*	*5.5*	.1
May	300.2	283.9	248.4	35.5	16.3	*5.4*	*5.1*	.2
June	318.5	298.6	256.6	42.0	19.9	*6.3*	*6.2*	.1
July	315.2	298.1	256.9	41.2	17.1	*5.4*	*5.8*	.4
August	321.9	305.3	257.7	47.6	16.6	*5.2*	*5.5*	.6
September	306.3	291.8	253.0	38.8	14.5	*4.7*	*5.4*	.3
October	293.0	279.2	249.3	29.9	13.8	*4.7*	*5.1*	*
November	292.1	274.6	247.9	26.7	17.5	*6.0*	*4.9*	.1
December	290.5	269.8	246.4	23.4	20.2	*7.1*	*4.7*	.1
1972 Avg.	297.2	278.7	245.6	33.1	18.5	*6.2*	*5.6*	.1
1973								
January	285.8	261.1	238.7	22.4	24.7	*8.6*	*5.5*	.1
February	288.3	265.6	240.3	25.3	22.7	*7.9*	*5.6*	*
March	298.0	276.1	245.5	30.6	21.9	*7.4*	*5.2*	*
April	304.7	285.3	248.6	36.7	19.4	*6.3*	*4.8*	.2
May	311.5	294.1	255.6	38.5	17.4	*5.6*	*4.3*	.4
June	329.4	306.2	265.1	41.1	23.2	*7.0*	*5.4*	.5
July	330.9	311.6	263.5	48.1	19.3	*5.8*	*5.0*	*
August	339.2	321.8	264.5	57.3	17.4	*5.1*	*4.7*	.1
September	320.8	305.3	260.2	45.1	15.5	*4.8*	*4.7*	.1
October	307.3	292.4	257.5	34.9	14.9	*4.9*	*4.2*	.1
November	303.4	283.6	254.2	29.4	19.8	*6.5*	*4.5*	*
December	299.4	279.8	254.1	25.7	19.6	*6.5*	*4.5*	*
1973 Avg.	309.8	290.2	253.9	36.3	19.6	*6.3*	*4.9*	.1
1974								
January	294.8	270.5	245.7	24.8	24.3	*8.3*	*5.6*	.1
February	297.5	274.0	249.2	24.8	23.5	*7.9*	*5.7*	*
March	307.6	284.8	254.5	30.3	22.8	*7.4*	*5.3*	*
April	317.0	295.0	261.0	34.0	22.0	*6.9*	*4.8*	*
May	329.3	309.5	270.0	39.5	19.8	*6.0*	*4.6*	4.0
June	349.6	323.0	277.9	45.1	26.6	*7.6*	*5.8*	2.0
July	351.9	329.7	281.0	48.7	22.2	*6.3*	*5.6*	-
August	*353.8*	*334.0*	*282.0*	*52.0*	*19.8*	*5.6*		-
September								
October								
November								
December								
Avg.								

* *Under 50.* *Current month in italics is a forecast.* *Previous month preliminary.*

 # Computed from whole (unrounded) numbers. *Series began January 1970.*

1/ Non-additive - included in total employment. *Revised to 1973 Benchmarks.*

Table II

GREAT FALLS SMSA (CASCADE COUNTY)

Civilian Labor Force

NOT SEASONALLY ADJUSTED

in Thousands

Date	Civilian Labor Force	EMPLOYMENT			UNEMPLOYMENT			Labor Management Dispute 1/
		Total	Non-Ag	Agri.	Total	*Percent#* County	State	
1972								
January	29.4	27.4	26.5	.9	2.0	*7.0*	*8.1*	0
February	29.5	27.5	26.6	.9	2.0	*6.9*	*8.1*	0
March	30.2	28.4	27.1	1.3	1.8	*5.9*	*7.7*	0
April	31.3	29.7	27.9	1.8	1.6	*5.2*	*6.3*	0
May	31.2	29.7	28.3	1.4	1.5	*4.8*	*5.4*	0
June	33.4	30.9	29.0	1.9	2.5	*7.5*	*6.3*	0
July	32.6	30.4	28.7	1.7	2.2	*6.7*	*5.4*	*
August	32.6	30.5	28.3	2.2	2.1	*6.6*	*5.2*	*
September	32.3	30.3	28.1	2.2	2.0	*6.3*	*4.7*	*
October	31.1	29.2	27.7	1.5	1.9	*6.1*	*4.7*	0
November	31.1	28.9	27.6	1.3	2.2	*7.0*	*6.0*	*
December	31.1	28.7	27.6	1.1	2.4	*7.6*	*7.1*	*
1972 Avg.	31.3	29.3	27.8	1.5	2.0	*6.5*	*6.2*	*
1973								
January	30.2	27.5	26.5	1.0	2.7	*8.8*	*8.6*	*
February	30.4	27.9	26.6	1.3	2.5	*8.3*	*7.9*	*
March	30.7	28.4	27.2	1.2	2.3	*7.4*	*7.4*	*
April	31.8	29.7	28.0	1.7	2.1	*6.7*	*6.3*	*
May	32.2	30.0	28.4	1.6	2.2	*6.9*	*5.6*	*
June	34.2	31.2	29.3	1.9	3.0	*8.8*	*7.0*	0
July	34.1	31.7	29.2	2.5	2.4	*7.0*	*5.8*	0
August	34.4	32.4	29.3	3.1	2.0	*5.9*	*5.1*	0
September	33.0	31.0	29.2	1.8	2.0	*6.2*	*4.8*	*
October	32.0	30.3	28.9	1.4	1.7	*5.4*	*4.9*	0
November	31.4	29.4	28.3	1.1	2.0	*6.3*	*6.5*	*
December	31.4	29.5	28.1	1.4	1.9	*6.0*	*6.5*	*
1973 Avg.	32.1	29.9	28.2	1.7	2.2	*6.8*	*6.3*	*
1974								
January	31.0	28.6	27.6	1.0	2.4	*7.7*	*8.3*	*
February	30.9	28.9	27.7	1.2	2.0	*6.6*	*7.9*	*
March	31.4	29.3	28.2	1.1	2.1	*6.6*	*7.4*	*
April	32.3	30.3	28.8	1.5	2.0	*6.1*	*6.9*	*
May	34.0	31.8	30.2	1.6	2.2	*6.5*	*6.0*	1.4
June	35.6	32.8	30.9	1.9	2.8	*7.9*	*7.6*	1.2
July	34.0	31.7	29.5	2.2	2.3	*6.8*	*6.3*	*
August	*33.9*	*32.0*	*29.6*	*2.4*	*1.9*	*5.6*	*5.6*	-
September								
October								
November								
December								
Avg.								

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\# *Computed from whole (unrounded) numbers.* *Series began January 1970.*

1/ *Non-additive - included in total employment.* *Revised to 1973 Benchmarks.*

Table III

RESIDENCE DATA

BILLINGS SMSA (YELLOWSTONE COUNTY)

Civilian Labor Force

NOT SEASONALLY ADJUSTED

in Thousands

Date	Civilian Labor Force	EMPLOYMENT			UNEMPLOYMENT			Labor Management Dispute 1/
		Total	Non-Ag.	Agri.	Total	Percent - County	Percent - State	
1972								
January	37.1	34.6	33.9	.7	2.5	6.7	6.1	0
February	37.5	34.9	34.2	.7	2.6	6.9	6.1	0
March	38.1	35.6	34.8	.8	2.5	6.6	6.2	0
April	38.8	36.9	35.9	1.0	1.9	4.9	4.3	*
May	39.6	37.6	36.6	1.0	2.0	5.0	5.4	*
June	42.0	39.3	37.8	1.5	2.7	6.4	5.8	*
July	41.9	39.6	37.9	1.7	2.3	5.4	5.4	*
August	41.5	39.3	37.9	1.4	2.2	5.3	5.2	*
September	40.9	38.9	37.6	1.3	2.0	4.9	4.7	*
October	41.7	39.9	38.9	1.0	1.8	4.3	4.7	*
November	42.1	40.0	39.2	.8	2.1	5.0	6.0	*
December	41.9	39.6	39.0	.6	2.3	5.4	7.1	*
1972 Avg.	40.3	38.0	37.0	1.0	2.3	5.7	6.2	*
1973								
January	40.3	37.7	37.2	.5	2.6	6.5	8.6	*
February	40.7	38.4	37.7	.7	2.3	5.6	7.9	*
March	41.1	39.2	38.4	.8	1.9	4.7	7.4	0
April	42.1	40.1	39.5	.6	2.0	4.7	8.3	*
May	42.8	40.7	39.9	.8	2.1	4.9	8.6	*
June	44.6	41.8	41.2	.6	2.8	6.1	7.0	.3
July	44.2	41.7	41.0	.7	2.5	5.7	6.8	*
August	44.3	42.0	41.0	1.0	2.3	5.2	8.1	*
September	43.0	41.1	40.5	.6	1.9	4.4	4.8	*
October	44.0	42.0	41.4	.6	2.0	4.6	4.9	*
November	44.4	42.2	41.6	.6	2.2	5.0	6.5	*
December	44.0	42.0	41.4	.6	2.0	4.6	6.5	*
1973 Avg.	42.9	40.7	40.0	.7	2.2	5.1	6.8	*
1974								
January	42.9	39.7	38.9	.8	3.2	7.4	8.3	0
February	43.5	41.2	40.2	1.0	2.3	5.4	7.9	0
March	44.1	41.8	40.6	1.2	2.3	5.2	7.4	0
April	44.6	42.5	41.2	1.3	2.1	4.7	6.3	0
May	45.8	43.5	42.1	1.4	2.3	5.0	6.0	.5
June	47.7	44.3	43.3	1.0	3.4	7.1	7.6	.5
July	46.7	44.0	42.8	1.2	2.7	5.8	6.3	*
August	*46.3*	*43.8*	*42.8*	*1.0*	*2.5*	*5.4*	*5.6*	–
September								
October								
November								
December								
Avg.								

* *Under 50. Current month in italics is a forecast.*

\# *Computed from whole (unrounded) numbers.*

1/ *Non-additive - included in total employment.*

Current month preliminary.

Series began January 1972.

Revised to 1973 Benchmark.

RESIDENCE DATA
(ESTABLISHMENT DATA in italics)

Table IV

MONTANA

Statewide Employment by Industry

JULY 1974

in Thousands

INDUSTRY	July 1974	June 1974	July 1973	Net Changes to Current Month from: June 1974	Net Changes to Current Month from: July 1973
1. Civilian Labor Force	351.9	349.6	330.9	2.3	21.0
2. Unemployment	22.2	26.6	19.3	-4.4	2.9
Percent of Labor Force#	*6.3*	*7.6*	*5.8*	*-1.3*	*.5*
3. Employment, Total	329.7	323.0	311.6	6.7	18.1
(a) Nonagricultural Wage and Salary Adjusted for Dual Job Holders (Residence Data)	247.1	245.1	231.5	2.0	15.6
NONAGRICULTURAL WAGE AND SALARY (Establishment Data)	*249.4*	*245.2*	*233.4*	*4.2*	*16.0*
MANUFACTURING	*26.3*	*25.5*	*25.5*	*.8*	*.8*
Durable Goods	*17.0*	*16.6*	*16.6*	*.4*	*.4*
24 Lumber and Wood Products	*10.1*	*9.9*	*9.7*	*.2*	*.4*
33 Primary Metal Industries	*3.5*	*3.5*	*3.6*	*0*	*-.1*
Other Durable Goods	*3.4*	*3.2*	*3.3*	*.2*	*.1*
Nondurable Goods	*9.3*	*8.9*	*8.9*	*.4*	*.4*
20 Food and Kindred Products	*4.5*	*4.2*	*4.5*	*.3*	*0*
27 Printing and Publishing	*2.0*	*2.0*	*2.0*	*0*	*0*
29 Petroleum and Coal Products	*1.3*	*1.2*	*1.1*	*.1*	*.2*
Other Nondurable Goods	*1.5*	*1.5*	*1.3*	*0*	*.2*
NONMANUFACTURING	*223.1*	*219.7*	*207.9*	*3.4*	*15.2*
Mining	*7.1*	*7.0*	*6.4*	*.1*	*.7*
10 Metal Mining	*4.2*	*4.2*	*3.8*	*0*	*.4*
12 & 14 Bitum. Coal, Quarrying, Nonmetal Mining	*1.3*	*1.3*	*1.1*	*0*	*.2*
13 Oil and Gas Extraction	*1.6*	*1.5*	*1.5*	*.1*	*.1*

Contract Construction	18.9	13.5	15.5	5.4	3.4
15 General Building Contractors	7.9	7.3	5.9	.6	2.0
16 Heavy Construction Contractors	6.1	1.4[3/]	5.1	4.7	1.0
17 Special Trade Contractors	4.9	4.8	4.5	.1	.4
Transportation and Public Utilities	20.3	20.1	19.9	.2	.4
40 Railroad Transportation	6.8	6.7	6.6	.1	.2
41-47 Transportation, except Railroad	6.1	6.1	6.3	0	-.2
48 & 49 Commun., Electric, Gas, Sanitary Services	7.4	7.3	7.0	.1	.4
Wholesale and Retail Trade	63.0	62.1	58.5	.9	4.5
Wholesale Trade	12.2	11.9	11.1	.3	1.1
Retail Trade	50.8	50.2	47.4	.6	3.4
53 & 56 Ret. Gen. Merch., Apparel, Accessories	8.7	8.7	8.1	0	.6
54 Food Stores	6.7	6.5	6.1	.2	.6
55 Automotive Dealers, Service Stations	9.2	9.1	9.1	.1	.1
58 Eating and Drinking Places	16.3	16.0	14.8	.3	1.5
52, 57, 59 Bldg. Mat., Farm Equip., Furn., Misc.	9.9	9.9	9.3	0	.6
Finance, Insurance and Real Estate	10.0	9.9	9.6	.1	.4
Services	48.5	47.4	44.0	1.1	4.5
70 Hotels and other Lodging Places	8.6	8.2	7.6	.4	1.0
72 Personal Services	2.6	2.5	2.5	.1	.1
80 Medical and other Health Services	13.8	13.9	13.1	-.1	.7
Other Services	23.5	22.8	20.8	.7	2.7
Government	55.3	59.7	54.0	-4.4	1.3
91 Federal Government	13.8	13.4	13.3	.4	.5
92 & 93 State and Local Government	41.5	46.3	40.7	-4.8	.8
(b) All other Nonagricultural Employment[1/]	33.9	32.8	32.0	1.1	1.9
(c) Agriculture	48.7	45.1	48.1	3.6	.6
4. Persons involved in labor/management disputes[2/]	-	2.0	*	-	-

1/ Includes nonagricultural self-employed and unpaid family workers, and domestic workers in private households.
*# Computed from whole (unrounded) numbers. * Under 50. Current month preliminary. Revised to 1973 Benchmarks.*
Establishment Series began January 1964. Residence Series began January 1974.
Produced in cooperation with U. S. Dept. of Labor Manpower Administration and Bureau of Labor Statistics.
2/ Non-Additive - Included in Line (a). 3/ Industry Strike.

RESIDENCE DATA
(ESTABLISHMENT DATA in italics)

Table V

GREAT FALLS SMSA (CASCADE COUNTY)

Employment by Industry

JULY 1974

in Thousands

INDUSTRY	July 1974	June 1974	July 1973	Net Changes to Current Month from: June 1974	Net Changes to Current Month from: July 1973
1. Civilian Labor Force	34.0	35.6	34.1	-1.6	-.1
2. Unemployment	2.3	2.8	2.4	-.5	-.1
Percent of Labor Force#	*6.8*	*7.9*	*7.0*	*-1.1*	*-.2*
3. Employment, Total	31.7	32.8	31.7	-1.1	0
(a) Nonagricultural Wage and Salary Adjusted for Dual Job Holders (Residence Data)	27.0	28.3	26.7	-1.3	.3
NONAGRICULTURAL WAGE AND SALARY (Establishment Data)	*28.1*	*28.2*	*27.8*	*-.1*	*.3*
MANUFACTURING	*1.9*	*1.9*	*2.0*	*0*	*-.1*
NONMANUFACTURING	*26.2*	*26.3*	*25.8*	*-.1*	*.4*
Contract Construction	*1.9*	*1.6*[3/]	*2.1*	*.3*	*-.2*
Transportation and Public Utilities	*2.5*	*2.5*	*2.4*	*0*	*.1*
Wholesale and Retail Trade	*8.0*	*8.0*	*8.0*	*0*	*0*
Finance, Insurance and Real Estate	*1.8*	*1.8*	*1.8*	*0*	*0*
Services and Mining	*6.1*	*6.1*	*5.8*	*0*	*.3*
Government	*5.9*	*6.3*	*5.7*	*-.4*	*.2*
(b) All other Nonagricultural Employment[1/]	2.5	2.6	2.5	-.1	0
(c) Agriculture	2.2	1.9	2.5	.3	-.3
4. Persons involved in labor/management disputes[2/]	*	1.2	0	-	-

1/ Includes nonagricultural self-employed and unpaid family workers, and domestic workers in private households.

*# Computed from whole (unrounded) numbers. * Under 50. Current month preliminary.*
Establishment Series began January 1958. Residence Series began January 1974.
Produced in cooperation with U. S. Dept. of Labor Manpower Administration and Bureau of Labor Statistics. Revised to 1973 Benchmarks.

2/ Non-Additive - Included in Line (a). *3/ Industry Strike.*

Table VI

BILLINGS SMSA (YELLOWSTONE COUNTY)

Employment by Industry

JULY 1974

in Thousands

INDUSTRY	July 1974	June 1974	July 1973	Net Changes to Current Month from: June 1974	Net Changes to Current Month from: July 1973
1. Civilian Labor Force	46.7	47.7	44.2	-1.0	2.5
2. Unemployment	2.7	3.4	2.5	-.7	.2
Percent of Labor Force#	*5.8*	*7.2*	*5.7*	*-1.4*	*.1*
3. Employment, Total	44.0	44.3	41.7	-.3	2.3
(a) Nonagricultural Wage and Salary Adjusted for Dual Job Holders (Residence Data)	38.3	38.8	36.4	-.5	1.9
NONAGRICULTURAL WAGE AND SALARY (Establishment Data)	*38.5*	*38.5*	*36.3*	*0*	*2.2*
MANUFACTURING	*3.9*	*3.9*	*3.7*	*0*	*.2*
NONMANUFACTURING	*34.6*	*34.6*	*32.6*	*0*	*2.0*
Contract Construction	*2.1*	*1.7*[3/]	*2.2*	*.4*	*-.1*
Transportation and Public Utilities	*4.2*	*4.1*	*3.9*	*.1*	*.3*
Wholesale and Retail Trade	*12.3*	*12.2*	*11.5*	*.1*	*.8*
Finance, Insurance and Real Estate	*1.9*	*1.8*	*1.8*	*.1*	*.1*
Services and Mining	*8.3*	*8.1*	*7.6*	*.2*	*.7*
Government	*5.8*	*6.7*	*5.6*	*-.9*	*.2*
(b) All other Nonagricultural Employment[1/]	4.5	4.5	4.6	0	-.1
(c) Agriculture	1.2	1.0	.7	.2	.5
4. Persons involved in labor/management disputes[2/]	*	.5	*	-	-

1/ Includes nonagricultural self-employed and unpaid family workers, and domestic workers in private households.

*# Computed from whole (unrounded) numbers. * Under 50. Current month preliminary.*
Establishment Series began January 1958. Residence Series began January 1974.
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2/ Non-Additive - Included in Line (a). *3/ Industry Strike.*

Table VII

MONTANA LABOR MARKET AREAS[1/]

Civilian Labor Force

in Thousands

	CIVILIAN LABOR FORCE			EMPLOYMENT			UNEMPLOYMENT			UNEMPLOYMENT RATE		
	May 1974	June 1974	July 1974	May 1974	June 1974	July 1974	May 1974	June 1974	July 1974	May 1974	June 1974	July 1974
STATEWIDE	329.5	349.6	351.9	309.5	323.0	329.7	20.0	26.6	22.2	*6.1*	*7.6*	*6.3*
GREAT FALLS SMSA	33.9	35.6	34.0	31.8	32.8	31.7	2.1	2.8	2.3	*6.3*	*7.9*	*6.8*
BILLINGS SMSA	45.6	47.7	46.7	43.5	44.3	44.0	2.1	3.4	2.7	*5.5*	*7.2*	*5.8*
BALANCE OF STATE[2/]	250.0	266.3	271.2	234.2	245.9	254.0	15.8	20.4	17.2	*6.3*	*7.7*	*6.3*
ANACONDA-BUTTE	33.3	34.8	35.2	31.5	32.5	33.2	1.8	2.3	2.0	*5.4*	*6.6*	*5.8*
BOZEMAN	23.3	24.5	25.1	21.0	22.9	23.6	1.3	1.6	1.5	*5.6*	*6.5*	*6.1*
GLASGOW	17.4	18.6	19.4	16.7	17.8	18.4	.7	.8	1.0	*4.0*	*4.3*	*5.1*
GLENDIVE	13.9	14.8	15.4	13.3	14.0	14.6	.6	.8	.8	*4.3*	*5.4*	*5.2*
HARDIN-RED LODGE	10.6	11.8	12.0	9.8	10.4	10.9	.8	1.4	1.1	*7.5*	*11.8*	*8.9*
HAVRE	13.2	14.2	14.6	12.5	13.3	13.8	.7	.9	.8	*5.3*	*6.3*	*5.5*
HELENA	21.4	22.5	22.7	20.1	20.8	21.2	1.3	1.7	1.5	*6.1*	*7.6*	*6.5*
KALISPELL	33.8	36.3	36.0	30.2	31.9	32.9	3.6	4.4	3.1	*10.7*	*12.1*	*8.6*
LEWISTOWN	11.8	12.9	13.3	11.1	11.9	12.5	.7	1.0	.8	*5.9*	*7.8*	*6.3*
MILES CITY	13.4	14.3	14.8	12.9	13.5	14.1	.5	.8	.7	*3.7*	*5.6*	*4.9*
MISSOULA	39.2	41.3	41.5	36.4	37.7	38.5	2.8	3.6	3.0	*7.1*	*8.7*	*7.2*
SHELBY-CUT BANK	18.7	20.3	21.2	17.7	19.2	20.3	1.0	1.1	.9	*5.3*	*5.4*	*4.3*

1/ A list of counties included in each Labor Market Area appears on page 29. See map on inside back cover.
2/ Statewide, excluding Great Falls and Billings Standard Metropolitan Statistical Areas.

TABLE VIII

MONTANA LABOR MARKET AREAS[1/]

Civilian Labor Force

in Thousands

	CIVILIAN LABOR FORCE			EMPLOYMENT			UNEMPLOYMENT			UNEMPLOYMENT RATE		
	July 1974	July 1973	Percent Change 1973-1974	July 1974	July 1973	Percent Change 1973-1974	July 1974	July 1973	Net Change 1973-1974	July 1974	July 1973	Net Change 1973-1974
STATEWIDE	351.9	330.9	*6.3*	329.7	311.6	*5.8*	22.2	19.3	2.9	6.3	5.8	0.5
GREAT FALLS SMSA	34.0	34.1	*-0.3*	31.7	31.7	-	2.3	2.4	-0.1	6.8	7.0	-0.2
BILLINGS SMSA	46.7	44.2	*5.7*	44.0	41.7	*5.5*	2.7	2.5	0.2	5.8	5.7	0.1
BALANCE OF STATE[2/]	271.2	252.6	*7.4*	254.0	238.2	*6.6*	17.2	14.4	2.8	6.3	5.7	0.6
ANACONDA-BUTTE	35.2	33.6	*4.8*	33.2	31.7	*4.7*	2.0	1.9	0.1	5.8	5.6	0.2
BOZEMAN	25.1	24.4	*2.9*	23.6	23.4	*.9*	1.5	1.0	0.5	6.1	4.1	2.0
GLASGOW	19.4	17.5	*10.9*	18.4	16.3	*12.9*	1.0	1.2	-0.2	5.1	6.7	-1.6
GLENDIVE	15.4	14.4	*6.9*	14.6	13.8	*5.8*	.8	.6	0.2	5.2	4.0	1.2
HARDIN-RED LODGE	12.0	11.0	*9.1*	10.9	10.3	*5.8*	1.1	.7	0.4	8.9	6.5	2.4
HAVRE	14.6	12.7	*15.0*	13.8	12.0	*15.0*	.8	.7	0.1	5.5	5.7	-0.2
HELENA	22.7	22.0	*3.2*	21.2	20.7	*2.4*	1.5	1.3	0.2	6.4	6.0	0.4
KALISPELL	36.0	33.0	*9.1*	32.9	30.5	*7.9*	3.1	2.5	0.6	8.6	7.7	0.9
LEWISTOWN	13.3	12.4	*7.3*	12.5	11.8	*5.9*	.8	.6	0.2	6.3	5.2	1.1
MILES CITY	14.8	13.1	*13.0*	14.1	12.5	*12.8*	.7	.6	0.1	4.9	4.3	0.6
MISSOULA	41.5	39.6	*4.8*	38.5	37.2	*3.5*	3.0	2.4	0.6	7.2	6.1	1.1
SHELBY-CUT BANK	21.2	18.9	*12.2*	20.3	18.0	*12.8*	.9	.9	0	4.3	4.5	-0.2

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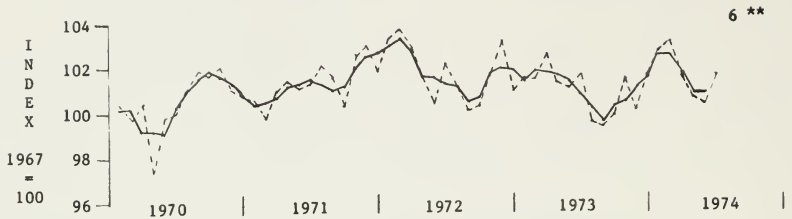
2/ Statewide, excluding Great Falls and Billings Standard Metropolitan Statistical Areas.

ECONOMIC INDICATORS

COMPOSITE INDEX OF SIX LEADING INDICATORS*



Composite Index of SIX LEADING INDICATORS 1967 = 100	
1973	
January	101.6
February	101.5
March	102.6
April	101.3
May	101.1
June	101.7
July	99.6
August	99.4
September	99.9
October	101.5
November	100.1
December	101.6
1974	
January	102.7
February	103.0
March	101.4
April	100.6
May	100.3
June	101.6*p*
July	
August	
September	
October	
November	
December	

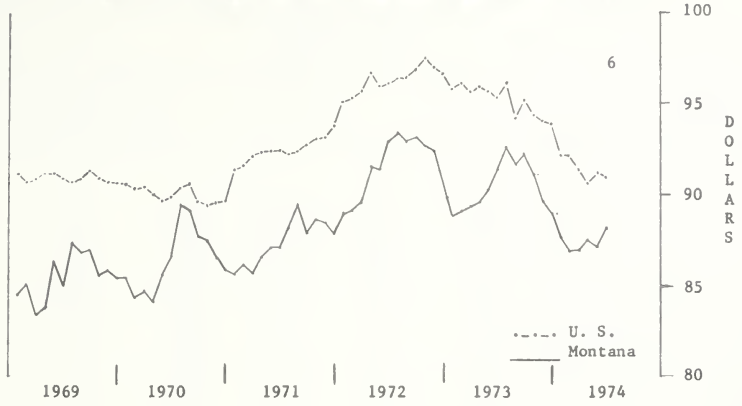
MONTANA'S COMPOSITE INDEX

Montana's Composite Index rose in June, pushed up by declines in layoffs and unemployment insurance initial claims. Building permits and average weekly hours both showed small losses while accessions and manufacturing employment held steady. This rise could easily be short-lived as initial claims appear to rise again in July, and the low level of layoffs is unlikely to continue.

Recent layoffs in lumber and wood products industries as a result of decreased demand are likely to have detrimental effects on the Composite Index in the next several months.

* *Employment, Average Weekly Hours, Total Accessions, and Layoffs in Manufacturing; Building Permits, and Average Weekly Initial Unemployment Insurance Claims.*
** *Indicates last month of plotted data.* *p: Preliminary.*

REAL SPENDABLE AVERAGE WEEKLY EARNINGS OF PRIVATE NONAGRICULTURAL PRODUCTION WORKERS (1967 DOLLARS)



	Jun. 1974	May 1974	Jun. 1973
Gross Average Weekly Earnings	$152.26	$148.47.	$140.24
Taxes Withheld	-22.57	-21.57	-19.34
Spendable Earnings	129.69	126.90	120.90
Adjustment for Price Changes Since 1967	-41.52	-39.75	-29.59
Real Spendable Earnings in 1967 Dollars	88.17	87.15	91.31

1973	
January	$88.87
February	89.02
March	89.35
April	89.52
May	90.25
June	91.31
July	92.54
August	91.67
September	92.17
Octover	91.10
November	89.54
December	88.98

1974	
January	87.62
February	86.88
March	86.94
April	87.50
May	87.15
June	88.17
July	
August	
September	
October	
November	
December	

Real spendable earnings in Montana rose in June due primarily to the seasonal rise in hours and employment in the construction and mining industries. The level of earnings, however, remains below the previous two years as inflation continues to take large bites out of workers' purchasing power.

A complete analysis of this series will be presented in a future edition of "Montana Economic Indicators".

Table IX

MONTANA CIVILIAN LABOR FORCE

SEASONALLY ADJUSTED

in Thousands

Date	Civilian Work Force	EMPLOYMENT			UNEMPLOYMENT			Labor Management Dispute 1/
		Total	Non-Ag	Agri.	Total	*Percent* Montana	U. S.	
1972								
January	291.7	273.4	241.5	31.9	18.3	*6.3*	*5.9*	*
February	293.4	275.0	242.3	32.7	18.4	*6.3*	*5.7*	*
March	295.6	277.7	243.9	33.8	17.9	*6.1*	*5.9*	.1
April	299.2	281.0	245.6	35.4	18.2	*6.1*	*5.9*	.1
May	297.6	279.5	246.4	33.1	18.1	*6.1*	*5.9*	.2
June	297.4	280.0	245.5	34.5	17.4	*5.9*	*5.5*	.1
July	295.9	277.9	246.3	31.6	18.0	*6.1*	*5.5*	.4
August	297.9	279.4	246.1	33.3	18.5	*6.2*	*5.6*	.6
September	299.1	280.0	246.1	33.9	19.1	*6.4*	*5.5*	.3
October	297.4	278.4	246.3	32.1	19.0	*6.4*	*5.5*	*
November	299.6	280.6	248.1	32.5	19.0	*6.3*	*5.2*	.1
December	300.8	280.6	249.1	31.5	20.2	*6.7*	*5.1*	.1
1972 Avg.	297.2	278.7	245.6	33.1	18.5	*6.2*	*5.6*	.1
1973								
January	304.0	283.9	252.1	31.8	20.1	*6.6*	*5.0*	.1
February	306.6	288.0	254.0	34.0	18.6	*6.1*	*5.1*	*
March	310.1	291.9	256.0	35.9	18.2	*5.9*	*5.0*	*
April	307.9	288.9	253.4	35.5	19.0	*6.2*	*5.0*	.2
May	308.4	289.1	253.3	35.8	19.3	*6.3*	*5.0*	.4
June	308.1	287.6	253.4	34.2	20.5	*6.7*	*4.8*	.5
July	310.4	290.1	252.9	37.2	20.3	*6.5*	*4.7*	*
August	312.1	292.6	253.1	39.5	19.5	*6.2*	*4.8*	.1
September	313.0	292.9	253.6	39.3	20.1	*6.4*	*4.8*	.1
October	312.4	291.9	254.4	37.5	20.5	*6.6*	*4.5*	.1
November	312.1	290.7	254.5	36.2	21.4	*6.9*	*4.7*	*
December	310.6	291.5	256.9	34.6	19.1	*6.1*	*4.8*	*
1973 Avg.	309.8	290.2	253.9	36.3	19.6	*6.3*	*4.9*	.1
1974								
January	314.5	294.7	259.5	35.2	19.8	*6.3*	*5.2*	.1
February	316.0	296.7	263.4	33.3	19.3	*6.1*	*5.2*	*
March	319.6	300.7	265.4	35.3	18.9	*5.9*	*5.1*	*
April	320.5	299.0	266.1	32.9	21.5	*6.7*	*5.0*	*
May	326.3	304.3	267.6	36.7	22.0	*6.7*	*5.2*	4.0
June	326.7	303.2	265.7	37.5	23.5	*7.2*	*5.2*	2.0
July	330.7	307.4	269.7	37.7	23.3	*7.0*	*5.3*	-
August	*328.0*	*305.8*	*269.9*	*35.9*	*22.2*	*6.8*		-
September								
October								
November								
December								
Avg.								

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1/ Non-additive - included in total employment. Series began January 1970.

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Table X

GREAT FALLS SMSA (CASCADE COUNTY)

Civilian Labor Force
SEASONALLY ADJUSTED
in Thousands

Date	Civilian Work Force	EMPLOYMENT			UNEMPLOYMENT			Labor Management Dispute 1/
		Total	Non-Ag	Agri.	Total	*Percent* County	State	
1972								
January	30.9	29.2	28.0	1.2	1.7	*5.5*	*6.3*	0
February	30.8	29.0	27.9	1.1	1.8	*5.8*	*6.3*	0
March	31.1	29.4	27.9	1.5	1.7	*5.5*	*6.1*	0
April	31.4	29.7	28.1	1.6	1.7	*5.4*	*6.1*	0
May	31.1	29.5	28.1	1.4	1.6	*5.1*	*6.1*	0
June	31.5	29.5	28.0	1.5	2.0	*6.3*	*5.9*	0
July	31.4	29.3	27.8	1.5	2.1	*6.7*	*6.1*	*
August	31.4	29.1	27.4	1.7	2.3	*7.3*	*6.2*	*
September	31.7	29.5	27.5	2.0	2.2	*6.9*	*6.4*	*
October	31.6	29.2	27.5	1.7	2.4	*7.6*	*6.4*	0
November	31.5	29.1	27.5	1.6	2.4	*7.6*	*6.3*	*
December	31.7	29.2	27.8	1.4	2.5	*7.9*	*6.7*	*
1972 Avg.	31.3	29.3	27.8	1.5	2.0	*6.5*	*6.2*	*
1973								
January	31.5	29.2	27.9	1.3	2.3	*7.3*	*6.6*	*
February	31.7	29.5	27.9	1.6	2.2	*6.9*	*6.1*	*
March	31.6	29.4	28.0	1.4	2.2	*7.0*	*5.9*	*
April	31.9	29.7	28.2	1.5	2.2	*6.9*	*6.2*	*
May	32.1	29.8	28.2	1.6	2.3	*7.2*	*6.3*	*
June	32.2	29.8	28.3	1.5	2.4	*7.5*	*6.7*	0
July	32.6	30.3	28.2	2.1	2.3	*7.0*	*6.5*	0
August	32.9	30.8	28.5	2.3	2.1	*6.4*	*6.2*	0
September	32.4	30.2	28.6	1.6	2.2	*6.8*	*6.4*	*
October	32.5	30.3	28.7	1.6	2.2	*6.8*	*6.6*	0
November	31.8	29.6	28.2	1.4	2.2	*6.9*	*6.9*	*
December	32.1	30.1	28.3	1.8	2.0	*6.2*	*6.1*	*
1973 Avg.	32.1	29.9	28.2	1.7	2.2	*6.8*	*6.3*	*
1974								
January	32.4	30.4	29.1	1.3	2.0	*6.2*	*6.3*	*
February	32.3	30.5	29.0	1.5	1.8	*5.6*	*6.1*	*
March	32.2	30.2	29.0	1.2	2.0	*6.2*	*5.9*	*
April	32.4	30.3	29.0	1.3	2.1	*6.5*	*6.7*	*
May	33.9	31.6	30.0	1.6	2.3	*6.8*	*6.7*	1.4
June	33.7	31.4	29.9	1.5	2.3	*6.8*	*7.2*	1.2
July	34.8	32.6	30.7	1.9	2.2	*6.3*	*7.0*	*
August	*34.9*	*32.9*	*31.1*	*1.8*	*2.0*	*5.7*	*6.8*	-
September								
October								
November								
December								
Avg.								

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Table XI

BILLINGS SMSA (YELLOWSTONE COUNTY)

Civilian Labor Force

SEASONALLY ADJUSTED

in Thousands

Date	Civilian Labor Force	EMPLOYMENT			UNEMPLOYMENT			Labor Management Dispute 1/
		Total	Non-Ag	Agri.	Total	*Percent* County	State	
1972								
January	38.5	36.3	35.4	.9	2.2	*5.7*	*6.3*	0
February	38.8	36.5	35.6	.9	2.3	*5.9*	*6.3*	0
March	39.2	37.0	36.0	1.0	2.2	*5.6*	*6.1*	0
April	39.4	37.3	36.2	1.1	2.1	*5.3*	*6.1*	*
May	39.6	37.4	36.5	.9	2.2	*5.6*	*6.1*	*
June	40.3	38.1	36.8	1.3	2.2	*5.5*	*5.9*	*
July	40.8	38.5	37.2	1.3	2.3	*5.6*	*6.1*	*
August	40.7	38.4	37.3	1.1	2.3	*5.7*	*6.2*	*
September	40.9	38.6	37.4	1.2	2.3	*5.6*	*6.4*	*
October	41.6	39.1	38.1	1.0	2.5	*6.0*	*6.4*	*
November	41.4	39.3	38.4	.9	2.1	*5.1*	*6.3*	*
December	41.7	39.4	38.7	.7	2.3	*5.5*	*6.7*	*
1972 Avg.	40.3	38.0	37.0	1.0	2.3	*5.7*	*6.2*	*
1973								
January	41.9	39.6	38.9	.7	2.3	*5.5*	*6.6*	*
February	42.2	40.2	39.3	.9	2.0	*4.7*	*6.1*	*
March	42.4	40.7	39.7	1.0	1.7	*4.0*	*5.9*	0
April	42.6	40.4	39.8	.6	2.2	*5.2*	*6.2*	*
May	42.9	40.5	39.8	.7	2.4	*5.6*	*6.3*	*
June	42.8	40.5	40.0	.5	2.3	*5.4*	*6.7*	.3
July	43.1	40.7	40.2	.5	2.4	*5.6*	*6.5*	*
August	43.5	41.2	40.4	.8	2.3	*5.3*	*6.2*	*
September	43.0	40.8	40.3	.5	2.2	*5.1*	*6.4*	*
October	43.9	41.1	40.5	.6	2.8	*6.4*	*6.6*	*
November	43.6	41.4	40.8	.6	2.2	*5.1*	*6.9*	*
December	43.7	41.7	41.0	.7	2.0	*4.6*	*6.1*	*
1973 Avg.	42.9	40.7	40.0	.7	2.2	*5.1*	*6.3*	*
1974								
January	44.4	41.6	40.6	1.0	2.8	*6.3*	*6.3*	0
February	45.2	43.2	41.9	1.3	2.0	*4.4*	*6.1*	0
March	45.4	43.4	41.9	1.5	2.0	*4.4*	*5.9*	0
April	45.2	42.9	41.5	1.4	2.3	*5.1*	*6.7*	0
May	45.9	43.3	42.0	1.3	2.6	*5.7*	*6.7*	.5
June	45.7	42.9	42.0	0.9	2.8	*6.1*	*7.2*	.5
July	45.5	42.9	42.0	0.9	2.6	*5.7*	*7.0*	*
August	*45.5*	*43.0*	*42.2*	*0.8*	*2.5*	*5.5*	*6.8*	-
September								
October								
November								
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Table XII

MONTANA HOURS AND EARNINGS

For Private Nonagricultural Industries

JULY 1974

	Average Weekly Earnings			Average Weekly Hours			Average Hourly Earnings		
	July 1974	June 1974	July 1973	July 1974	June 1974	July 1973	July 1974	June 1974	July 1973
TOTAL PRIVATE	$157.93	$152.21	$142.86	36.9	36.5	37.3	$4.28	$4.17	$3.83
MANUFACTURING	186.44	185.55	181.10	38.6	38.1	39.2	4.83	4.87	4.62
Durable Goods	185.28	183.64	177.25	38.6	38.1	38.7	4.80	4.82	4.58
Primary Metal Industries	204.06	202.36	183.92	39.7	39.6	39.3	5.14	5.11	4.68
Nondurable Goods	189.14	192.65	190.62	38.6	38.3	40.3	4.90	5.03	4.73
Food and Kindred Products	175.14	182.96	175.95	41.6	40.3	42.5	4.21	4.54	4.14
MINING	231.20	227.57	208.27	42.5	42.3	43.3	5.44	4.38	4.81
Metal Mining	223.11	223.11	211.58	40.2	40.2	42.4	5.55	5.55	4.99
CONTRACT CONSTRUCTION	296.64	266.56	245.55	36.0	35.4	39.1	8.24	7.53	6.28
TRANSPORTATION AND PUBLIC UTILITIES	243.67	241.40	215.46	42.9	42.5	40.5	5.68	5.68	5.32
Communications, Electric, Gas, Sanitary Services	183.46	181.58	177.24	39.2	38.8	39.3	4.68	4.68	4.51
WHOLESALE AND RETAIL TRADE	124.85	120.31	114.08	36.4	35.7	36.8	3.43	3.37	3.10
FINANCE, INSURANCE, AND REAL ESTATE	113.63	110.72	106.22	37.5	36.3	37.4	3.03	3.05	2.84
SERVICES	96.03	94.75	88.78	33.0	32.9	33.5	2.91	2.88	2.65

Data for current month are preliminary.
Averages are based on gross earnings, including overtime and premium pay.
Selected Industries series began January 1950; Total Private Sector series began January 1969 (May 1972 issue).
Prepared by U. S. Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics.

Table XIII

MONTANA LABOR TURNOVER RATES

In Manufacturing and Mining Industries

(per 100 employees)

JUNE 1974

	ACCESSION RATES						SEPARATION RATES								
	Total			New Hires			Total			Quits			Layoffs		
	Jne 1974	May 1974	Jne 1973	Jne 1974	May 1974	Jne 1973	Jne 1974	May 1974	Jne 1973	Jne 1974	May 1974	Jne 1973	Jne 1974	May 1974	Jne 1973
MANUFACTURING	6.7	5.2	6.4	5.2	4.4	5.5	3.5	3.3	3.6	2.4	2.4	2.3	.3	.5	.5
Durable Goods	6.9	5.1	6.3	4.9	4.0	5.2	3.9	3.7	3.7	2.7	2.8	2.4	.2	.4	.5
Primary Metal Industries	5.4	4.4	6.0	3.7	3.1	4.0	2.2	2.5	1.4	.6	1.3	.6	.2	.2	.4
Nondurable Goods	6.2	5.3	6.5	5.6	5.1	6.1	2.7	2.6	3.4	1.8	1.8	2.0	.3	.6	.7
MINING	8.1	6.5	8.4	5.0	3.5	5.2	3.0	4.9	7.0	1.6	2.4	2.9	*	*	.1
Metal Mining	8.6	6.3	8.9	4.1	1.5	3.4	3.5	5.0	7.6	1.5	2.1	2.3	*	*	.1

* *Less than .05.*
Prepared by U. S. Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics.
Series began January 1959.

NEW BUSINESS FIRMS IN MONTANA

New business firms in Montana are a reflection of economic activity within the business community. Data furnished on this page and the following page are an aggregate of information supplied by the office of the Montana Secretary of State and the Montana Employment Security Division. These data should in no way be construed as being absolute. They are presented to indicate business trends during the survey period.

The chart on the following page is a break-down by county and labor market area of business starts during the month of July 1974.

The following chart is a break-down of new businesses in Montana by industry in July.

INDUSTRY	NUMBER
AGRICULTURE, FORESTRY, AND FISHERIES	28
MINING	5
CONTRACT CONSTRUCTION	37
MANUFACTURING	28
TRANSPORTATION, COMMUNICATION, ELECTRIC, GAS, AND SANITARY SERVICES	5
WHOLESALE AND RETAIL TRADE	56
FINANCE, INSURANCE, AND REAL ESTATE	31
SERVICES	79
TOTAL	269

MONTANA LABOR MARKET AREAS

WITH COUNTIES INCLUDED IN EACH AREA

July 1974 - 269 Total New Firms

Areas	New Business Firms
GREAT FALLS SMSA	
Cascade	24
ANACONDA-BUTTE LMA	18
Beaverhead	4
Deer Lodge	3
Granite	0
Madison	1
Powell	3
Silver Bow	7
BOZEMAN LMA	27
Gallatin	19
Meagher	3
Park	5
GLASGOW LMA	4
Daniels	0
Phillips	1
Roosevelt	0
Sheridan	1
Valley	2
GLENDIVE LMA	13
Dawson	6
Garfield	1
McCone	1
Prairie	1
Richland	4
Wibaux	0
HARDIN-RED LODGE LMA	8
Big Horn	2
Carbon	5
Stillwater	1
Sweet Grass	0
HAVRE LMA	10
Blaine	1
Hill	6
Liberty	3

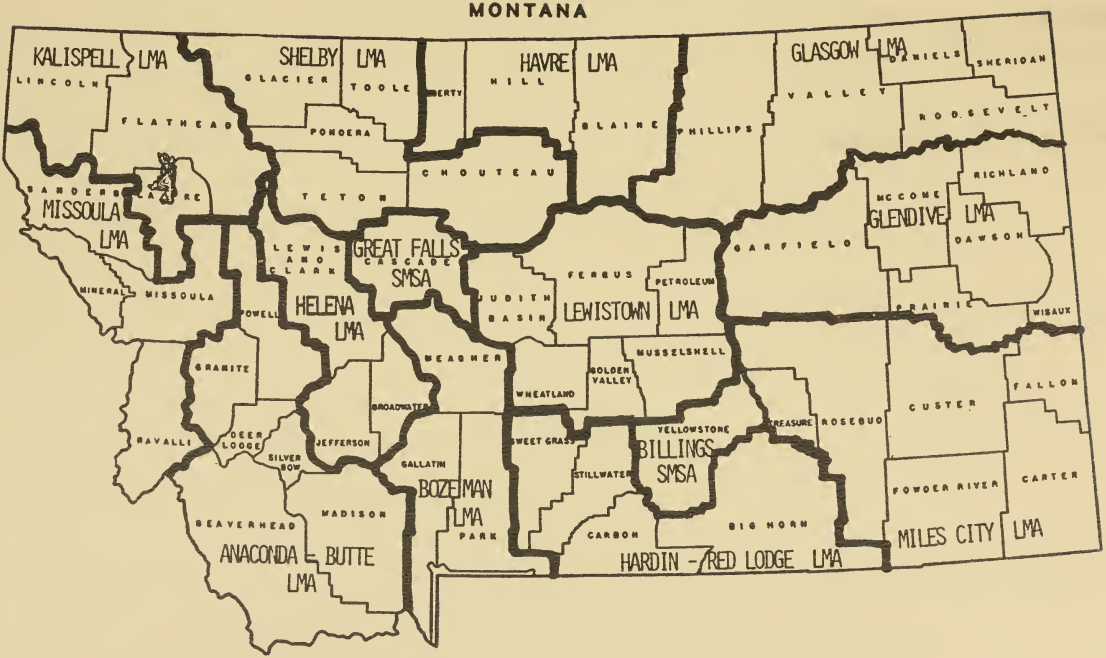
Areas	New Business Firms
BILLINGS SMSA	
Yellowstone	32
HELENA LMA	21
Broadwater	1
Jefferson	1
Lewis and Clark	19
KALISPELL LMA	41
Flathead	30
Lake	6
Lincoln	5
LEWISTOWN LMA	8
Fergus	2
Golden Valley	0
Judith Basin	1
Musselshell	2
Petroleum	0
Wheatland	3
MILES CITY LMA	7
Carter	0
Custer	5
Fallon	0
Powder River	0
Rosebud	2
Treasure	0
MISSOULA LMA	44
Mineral	0
Missoula	37
Ravalli	6
Sanders	1
SHELBY-CUTBANK LMA	12
Chouteau	1
Glacier	4
Pondera	2
Teton	3
Toole	2

Source of Data: State of Montana Employment Security Division, Research and Analysis Section; Montana Secretary of State.

LABOR MARKET AREAS

IN

MONTANA



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